

Locum letter 21st January 2018.

The New Year has rolled around quickly and plans are now under way for the parish. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 14th February, very early this year, and in the coming weeks I will outline our Lenten arrangements. One idea I have is for a time each week for a 30-minute meditation around the music of Taize one evening for 4 weeks either on a Wednesday or Sunday evening. Please let me know your thoughts.

Last week Judi and I travelled through Tasmania with my son, his wife and our newest granddaughter from London. The pinnacles of Cradle Mountain, the Gordon and Franklin rivers, Sarah Island and Hobart gave us all a glimpse of wilderness and heritage and my mind thought back to Advent and the coming of Lent.

Oscar Romero was Catholic Archbishop of El Salvador and was murdered by the authorities because he became a voice for the poor. A colleague of mine shared the attached Prayer from Romero and I share it with you this week.

Shalom

Ray

21st JANUARY – EPIPHANY 3

HYMNS

6 O love how deep, how broad, how high
496 “Take up your cross,” the Saviour said
374 Glorious things of you are spoken
148 Love divine, all love excelling

COLLECT

Bountiful God,
through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin,
to believe the good news,
and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom:
teach us, like Christ’s first apostles,
to hear the call to discipleship,
and, forsaking old ways,
to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READING

1 Corinthians 7.29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 62, 5 -12

Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God:

for from him comes my hope.

He only is my rock and my salvation:

my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.

In God is my deliverance and my glory:

God is my strong rock and my shelter.

Trust in him at all times, O my people:

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

The children of Adam are but breath,

the children of earth are a lie:

place them in the scales and they fly upward,

they are as light as air.

Put no trust in extortion,

do not grow worthless by robbery:

if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say:

that power belongs to God,

That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness:

for you reward each one of us according to our works.

GOSPEL

Mark 1.14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately

he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

POSTLUDE Allegro Vivace by G F Handel

Prayers for those in need: (list renewed monthly: Phillip Joubert, Brian Monteith, Leanne Barker, Lesley Tracey, Paul Finch, Dino Fernando, Alan Tracey and others known to you. We pray for those who love and care for them.

YEARS MIND

Roy Clarence REAY	21st January	1988
Athalie MEREDITH	23rd January	1987
Benjamin Thomas TAYLOR	24th January	1988
Margaret Winifred STEVENS	24th January	2011
Charlotte Victoria BLOCH	25th January	1984
Ronald William FARQUHAR	26th January	2005
Cecilia SCOTT	26th January	1963
Gladys Josephine GROVES	27th January	1988
John Robert GADEN - Priest	27th January	1990
Norma Winfred SWAIN	28th January	1974
Ella BARNES	28th January	1969
Errol WHITECHURCH	28th January	1997
Jane Margaret (Peg) BOYALL	29th January	1997
Lou BUTTERFIELD	29th January	2015
Sylvia May DAVIES	30th January	1974
Muriel ATKINS	30th January	1981
Doris (Dolce) FERGUSON	30th January	1994
Jean McLaren WEST	30th January	2011
Emily DORNAN	31st January	1970
Nellie Frances GRAVES	31st January	1979

COMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

January 21st 7.30pm Parish Council

****4th February Sausage Sizzle after the 10.00am service****

11th February Transfiguration

14th February Ash Wednesday

17th February 6.30pm “Spit roast” – Meron for ABM

The Romero Prayer

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No programme accomplishes the church’s mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.
This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete,
but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference
between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders;
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.
Amen.



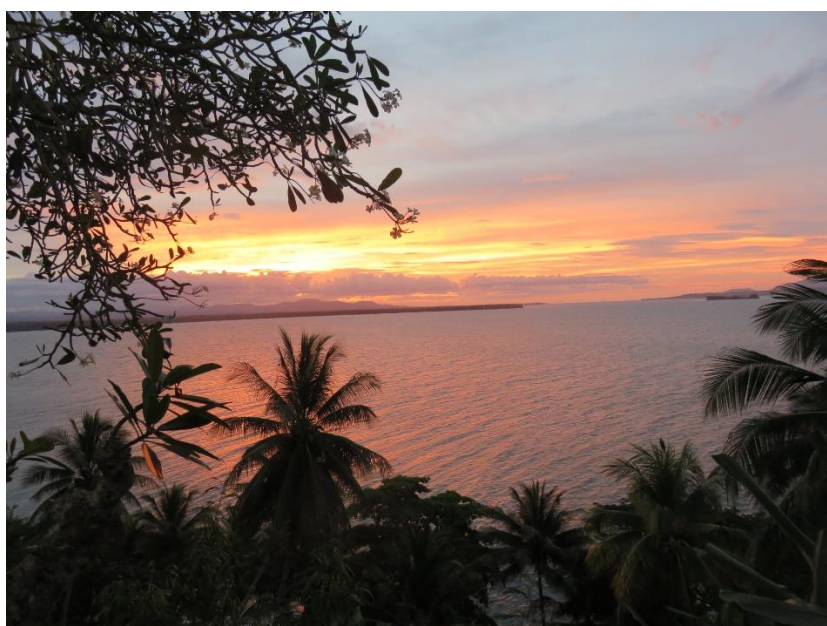
SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

6.30 PM FOR 7.00 PM

SPIT ROAST WITH DESSERTS AND DRINKS.

“WEWAK- A TOUCH OF PARADISE?”

***Meron Pitcher will speak about her recent experiences
in Papua New Guinea***



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\$40.00 PER HEAD

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT BY

11TH FEBRUARY

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